

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/727,367 Confirmation No.: 6984  
Applicant : Frank Richard Cichocki, Jr.  
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For : ACTIVE SUTURE FOR THE DELIVERY OF THERAPEUTIC  
FLUIDS  
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Docket No. : ETH5110USNP  
Customer No.: 25570

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicant responds to the Official Action of December 5, 2007, in the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.